

heathen king, they will be won to serve and worship him too. The burning fiery furnace with its blessed experience and glorious outcome is a present-day story; the plain of Dura is your heart life and mine.

Selected Teachings

1. They who serve evil slay themselves.
2. Better die upright than live downfallen.
3. Faithlessness is more to be feared than the fire.
4. Dying is not so fearful a thing as disloyalty.
5. God's glory may be made manifest by our loyalty.
6. Every one who is true may expect furnace experiences.
7. Do as the multitude do and you will probably do wrong.
8. The fires that test faith are the church's beacon lights.
9. Whenever we are true to God we give him a chance to prove his greatness.
10. The hotter the furnace the greater the glory of passing thru it unharmed.
11. The fury of man's face cannot affect those who look for the smile of God's face.
12. When we go with the crowd we miss the company of the Hebrews' Companion.
13. A spreading of the gospel always results from a manifestation of the martyr spirit.
14. Life has no experience for the Christian wherein he cannot have the companionship of Christ.

Try to Answer

1. What religious and political purpose may the setting up of this statute by Nebuchadnezzar have had? 1 Kings 12:26-29.
2. Where was the image set up and what were its proportions in feet?
3. What important positions did the three Hebrew children hold? 2:49.
4. Why was their disobedience of the king's command particularly trying?
5. Who were their accusers and what was their probable motive?
6. Whom did Nebuchadnezzar mean when he said the "fourth is like the Son of God?"
7. In what condition did the men come out of the furnace?
8. What reference is made to them in Hebrews 11?
9. Were they certain that if cast into the furnace God would deliver them?
10. Did this have anything to do with what they had purposed in their heart?
11. Are there any circumstances of special danger when one may do wrong?
12. In what way did the wrath of the king make the miracle of protection more wonderful?
13. What was the effect of this miracle upon king Nebuchadnezzar?
14. Would this decree tend to make the nation know and serve the true God?
15. What are some of the golden images or idols we are tempted to worship?

Church News

Southern Va. Notes

Dear Evangelist: Our people all speak well of the EVANGELIST and we think it merits their approval. Our S. S. literature speaks for itself as a few sample quarterlies were all that was necessary to introduce it into the Boon's Chapel S. S. where literature of other publishing houses had been used. The immediate results of the revival effort at Boon's Chapel were eleven baptisms, two by relation, and two yet to be baptized. Two others professed Christ. Hot weather, short nights and a busy season all had a tendency to hinder the work but we praise God for victory. The love and tender affection of this dear people makes the parting time one of sadness and regret. The Lord willing we hope to conduct several other revival meetings during the summer and desire an interest in your prayers. Many fields are ripe, many doors are open, means and consecrated men are needed. We pray the Master of the harvest to give us both.

J. S. BOWMAN.

Arritts, Va.

Sergeantsville, N. J.

About the middle of May we received a pressing invitation from Yellow Creek, Pa., to visit that congregation and to bring our dear Brother Bowman of Philadelphia with us. After securing a promise from Brother Bowman to go with us we made our arrangements accordingly and spent a few days very pleasantly and we trust profitably with brethren and friends there en route to the State Conference where we were made happy thru our meeting many tried and proved friends. On our arrival home late on Saturday evening our parishioners and friends having during our absence planned and carried out a complete surprise home coming reception party. On our revival we found that during our absence twenty-five yards of new carpet had been placed in our sitting room and the room full of cheerful faces to welcome us back to family and field of labor. Small as this may seem to some of our readers I find that it did much to cheer me and help me on to a completion of the work here into which the Holy Spirit has called me.

Our new church building is raised and is being hurried on to completion as fast as possible, until by September we hope to add to our calendar that the Lord has another good house in which his people can come together and praise God from whom all blessings flow. While we are gaining a reputation for building new churches we give God all the glory. I have frequently said that our people in Pennsylvania should at least build from two to five new churches each year, a thing easy to be done when our people once get hold of the key to unlock God's treasury now in the hands of his tight fisted stewards.

Our children's day service here was well rendered and well attended as the house would not contain the people and many were

compelled to go away as they could not get inside the hall. Our new church will comprise a main auditorium, a lecture room, a dress room and baptistry, and likely be heated with steam heat. May the Lord prosper Zion churches as here is our prayer.

E. H. SMITH.

Mich. and Ind. Items

I want to mention a few things accomplished by the S. S. C. E. of the churches I serve along the line of improvements.

At New Troy last fall new pews were put into the church thus giving a decidedly improved appearance.

At Campbell they had the walls papered and the ceiling painted, thus beautifying the interior.

At Corinth, the Brethren had two coats of paint applied to the exterior last fall and this spring have added other work, to be finished soon.

The Sisters have had the church nicely papered thus decidedly improving the general tone of the place of worship.

I believe these people enjoy the worship there now when the same attention is bestowed upon our churches as upon our homes. I know at least that as pastor I appreciate the work done by these willing hands.

I believe we should have a greater reverence for our churches and regard them as holy places.

I also want to suggest that each one of us is given a house, our body, to keep in repair and oh, may we not all earnestly endeavor to beautify this house as much as our churches and our homes, thus making it a temple for the indwelling tenant. Let us strive for purity of life.

WM. H. MILLER.

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Harrisonburg, Va.

It has been sometime since we have made an attempt to report thru your columns from this part of the brotherhood. First of all, we are glad to say that we are working in perfect harmony here. All pulling together. Of course that makes the work easy for the pastor. We lately visited the mission points in Pendleton Co., W. Va., that we are and have been looking after for quite a while. Three were added by baptism. It is quite a victory for us there as the baptized persons will be a great help to the noble little band of twenty at that point. Prospects are good there. The other point we are taking care of, there are twelve faithful soldiers of the cross. Should I try to tell of the liberality of these thirty-two of God's children, some possibly would doubt of its possibility, so I shall not attempt to tell the sweet story. They are ready for every good work. The prospects in Pendleton Co., are bright indeed. We hope in the near future they may be able to have a pastor amongst them all the time. We must not forget to state that our part of the mission levy made at the last conference has been raised. The mission